



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Uwe HEITMANN

Appl. No. 10/057,929

Filed: January 29, 2002

For: MACHINE FOR MAKING FILTER
MOUTHPIECES FOR ROD-SHAPED
SMOKERS' PRODUCTS

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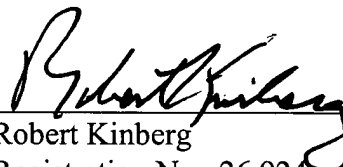
Honorable Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Pursuant to the requirement for restriction in the Office Action mailed on February 28, 2003,
Applicant hereby elects, without traverse, Group I, Claims 1-14 drawn to a machine for making
filters. Further examination of these claims is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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